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Crepuscular rays! These are those interesting and often very beautiful rays which are described by many as "the sun drawing water". They are simply sunbeams shining through breaks in the clouds and illuminating the dust in the atmosphere. Thus the gleaming shafts are created, seen against a darker background. Coming from the sun so far away, these rays are really parallel to each other; but they look as though they might converge close behind the clouds. It is simply the perspective effect, like looking down a long street to where the curbstones seem to meet. Some believe that these rays are a sign of rain, but they are no more so than the presence of clouds without the rays.